



# The Fredonia Presbyterian

April 2025  
Newsletter of the  
Fredonia  
Presbyterian  
Church

## SECONDS of BLESSINGS

Who wants Seconds???

Growing up in my Italian family, Thanksgiving dinner was a feast. Platters of sliced turkey, dark and light, piled high, bowls of smooth white mashed potatoes, orange yams, purple cranberry sauce and of course, my favorite, savory stuffing. When someone asked, "Who wants Seconds?" I answered eagerly, "I do!" Soon, I was stuffed with stuffing.

Recently, Carol and I served communion at the local church in Ft. Myers. Our position was at the front of the church. Carol would break off a piece of bread from the loaf and present it, "The body of Christ broken for you." Standing beside her I presented the cup of juice to dip the bread, "The blood of Christ shed for you." After receiving the bread and juice, a man asked us to serve a woman in a wheelchair at the back of the church. We walked back to her, a woman in her 50s, bent forward in her chair, looking down. I told her that we would serve her communion. She looked up at me with tired eyes and said that she had already received it. I leaned down to her and whispered, "Do you want Seconds?" Her eyes smiling, met mine and raising her head, she began to laugh out loud. After the service, I went to say goodbye to her. I introduced myself, "I am Joe from Buffalo." She responded, "I am Carolyn from Minnesota." I took her hand in mine as I told her that she had made my day. She squeezed my hand and said, "And you made mine."

On Ash Wednesday, we were working at the Gladiolus Food Pantry. Outside, in the parking lot, a Minister was anointing clients and volunteers with Ashes. I told her that later that evening we would be attending a Lenten service at church and that we would receive our ashes then. She replied, "You can't get enough of God's blessings." As she marked my forehead with a cross of ashes and prayed over me, I felt a slight vibration pass through my body from my head to my toes. Later that night at the Lenten service, I came forward again to receive ashes. When the Minister noticed the smudged ashes from the morning, she smiled and again anointed my forehead with ashes. Seconds of Ashes and blessings.

I remembered the words, "You can't get enough of God's blessings." When asked who wants Seconds of God's grace, answer eagerly, "I do."

By Joe Calarco



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**New Member Sunday** is going to be Palm Sunday. On April 13 new members will be joining our church. There will also be two baptisms.

If you have been considering joining the church but have not yet reached out to Holly, give her a call at the church or email her. There is still time to become a member of this class of new members.



## Join Red Cross's WNY Home Fire Campaign

Volunteer to help on April 26th between 8am and 3pm. Meet at the SUNY Student Association G-107 in Williams Center.

It's pretty simple. You'll install smoke alarms. Read more information [Here](#).

And, yes, you can GET an alarm [at this website](#) too. Win. Win.



**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Around the world One Great Hour of Sharing, which falls under the PCUSA umbrella, promotes the self-development of all people, helps repair after disasters, and works to end hunger.

There are fish coin collectors and envelopes in the sanctuary all ready for your coins; coins that will help communities in need and serve individuals.

## April's Foods of the Month are

### Canned Carrots and Instant Potatoes



## Raise Right

Raise Right is a nonprofit helping other non-profits. The idea is simple: people will sign in to our church account online, buy a gift card from one of dozens of available... think Amazon, Walmart, Home Depot, Whole Foods, Kohl's, Panera... Then our church makes a small profit from the company.

Our code is **XNWWL9KRHYQ6**. Choose "join an existing program" and put in the code. Then it is a piece of cake. Any questions? Ask Holly for help.



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## April Birthdays

- 4 Richard Ackley
- 7 Melissa Chwojdak
- 10 David Coia Jr.
- 14 Betsy Sly
- 19 David Straight  
Cindy Rechlin
- 22 Brett Comerford
- 28 Matthew Gordon



## Help Needed

**We need a couple more teams to work our table at the once a month Farmers' Market. We are at the Farmers' Market the second Saturday of each month.**

**We need folks to sign up to work the Fred Basket. There are still many open Wednesdays and Saturdays just waiting for volunteers.**



## Hygiene Kit Collection

We are collecting Hygiene kits from April 6 - May 4.

To better meet the needs of the folks receiving the kits, adjustments have been made this year to what each kit should include. If you have already bought items for kits following last year's guide lines, no worries. Through June they will still accept kits made to last year's specifications.

The supplies needed to make a kit follow. Every item that goes into the kit should be NEW.


- 1-gallon resealable plastic bag
- Washcloth
- Fingernail or toenail clipper (packaging removed)
- Toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Bath-size bar of soap (in original packaging)
- Travel-size deodorant (3.4 oz. or less, non-aerosol)
- Travel-size lotion (3.4 oz or less, fragrance-free, NEW only)
- Travel-size shampoo (3.4 oz. Or less, NEW only)
- Travel-size toothpaste (3.4 oz. Or less, expiration date of 1 year)
- Sturdy wide-tooth comb (6" minimum teeth, packaging removed)

*\$2 per kit helps send the kits to their final destinations. If you are able to donate toward the postage, please do not put the money in the kits.*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Deacons 1 BIG FeedMore WNY Delivery	Breakfast at UU 8:30  Fred Basket 12:30-4:30	Narcotics Anonymous 7	Guziec 9:30-12-30	10-11 Outside Cleanup  Lakeshore Fellowship 2-7  Sigma Kappa 9-12
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship 10:30  Communion  Scout Sunday	Art Discovery 6-8	Theology on Tap 5ish Next Chapter Book Store  Girl Scouts 6-7	Fred Basket 12:30-4:30	Narcotics Anonymous 7		Farmers' Market Masonic Temple 10-1  Food Pantry 10-12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Worship 10:30 And Baptisms  Palm Sunday  New Member Sunday	Art Discovery 6-8	Theology on Tap 5ish	Fred Basket 12:30-4:30  Our Church Breakfast 8:30	Maundy Thursday Service 6  Narcotics Anonymous 7	Good Friday Service 6	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Art Discovery 6-8	Theology on Tap 5ish	Fred Basket 12:30-4:40  Compeer Craft Group 12:30-2:30 in the Library  Compeer Guy Time 3-4:30	Narcotics Anonymous 7	Houses of Hope 10-11	Rte. 39 Clean Up 10-11  8:30-1 Sigma Kappa  Lakeshore Fellowship 2-7
27	28	29	30			
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## Prayer List

Donna Heintzman  
Joe Dolce  
Dick Ackley  
Zachary Dloniak  
Dick Watt

Toni-Jo Mitchell  
Mick  
Cheryl Connelly  
Lorraine Withington  
Deb Harris

Susie Harris  
Gerald  
Jessie  
Jimmy  
Wayne

Carrie  
Elizabeth English  
Chris  
Carolyn McMinn  
Carmen

Haley  
Ryan  
Jill  
Deb  
Marlene

Johnny  
Samantha  
Vigo  
Deborah  
Janey O'Boyle

Sharon Duff-Kibbee  
Avery  
Carmello  
Sharon Muggle  
Chris Schwartz

Terry and Marilyn



## Sympathy is Extended...

To Jenn O'Boyle and her family on the death of her cousin, Erin.

To the Spangler family on the death of their friend, Marie.  
To the Spangler family and Bennet's family.

To the Caserta family.

To the family of Brad.

To the family of Cassie.

## April Anniversaries

10 Mark & Sallie Piazza 1982

27 David & Cori Coia 1975

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## **BIG FeedMore Delivery Coming Up**

The next FeedMore delivery is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1 between 11:30 and 12. Much **help will be needed** to unpack the truck, check in the delivery, sort, and shelve the groceries.

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